

Weekly Views

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*"I know the price of success:
dedication, hard work, and an
unremitting devotion to the
things you want to see happen."
~ Frank Lloyd Wright*

Friday, August 28, 2009

Several IDOC employees were recognized for their years of service and attended a ceremony with Governor Daniels and Commissioner Buss. Those honored for 35 years were: Orville Harmon, Anthony Debes, Zettie Cotton, John Pelsor, Linda Moris, Roy McGity, Patty Finn-Hill, Lee Grace, Debra Day, Susan Van Hoy, Michael Eden, Debbie Coy, Danny Graham, Richard Sabolick, Ruth Fouty, Catherine Wier, and Daniel Forker. Those honored for 40 years were: Gloria Marrs, Ronald Vail, and Philip Slavens. Congratulations!

Miami Correctional Facility recently received a grant for \$6,803 from the Library Service and Technology Act to provide computers and software to both libraries at the facility for two new Electronic Library Resource Centers.

PREF is currently assisting the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy with repairs to a perimeter fence and grounds work.

Christmas came early at the Rockville Correctional Facility this year. Members of the Worthington Amish Choir joined with volunteers of the Christmas Behind Bars ministry to present a revival program and give gift bags to offenders.

ISP minimum security offenders assisted with setup and teardown of the Mill Pond Festival in Union Mills, Indiana.

Westville hosted its 17th Practical Talk Ministries graduation ceremony. The PTM is a faith-based organization that owns homes in the South Bend area and helps to provide stable housing and re-entry opportunities for graduate offenders.

Camp Summit's Education Department held an open house for parents and family members of the students. Family members toured the Education Department, met with faculty, and discussed their student's education plan and progress.

New Castle staff participated in the IDOC's blood drive. 114 people volunteered to donate, and 84 pints were collected.

Pendleton's Shifting Gears bicycle refurbishing operation donated bikes to Dove Harbor in Anderson, the VA Domiciliary in Indianapolis, the Turning Point Life Center in New Castle, and AMVETS Post #91 in Monticello.

Part of Miami's K-9 team recently participated in a demonstration for 100 people at the Estates at Eagle's Pointe.

Indiana State Prison Correctional Counselor Winston Garland has been named the new boys basketball coach at West Side High School in Gary. Coach Garland is a former NBA player.

Indiana Correctional Association representatives toured Pendleton Correctional Facility to review offender programming.

Christmas Behind Bars recently held two worship services, as well as a musical concert, for the entire IWP population.

Plainfield Correctional Facility's PLUS program donated 386 lbs of fresh produce harvested from the facility garden to a local food pantry. For the year, the PCF PLUS program has donated 2,512 lbs of fresh produce!

During the Indiana State Fair, two Pendleton offender work crews picked up trash from the grounds and parking areas.

Indiana State Prison's Fiscal Department held a cookie sale for Stepping Stones Women Shelter and raised \$83.

Camp Summit recently held a ceremony to recognize several students who completed several phases of the IN2WORK program. A total of ten students were acknowledged for their achievements.

New Castle Correctional Facility conducted facility tours for family and friends this week with various departments setting up displays in the visiting room. Approximately 150 family and friends visited.

Miami training officer Jennifer Stoll donated time recently to a local daycare to certify their employees in CPR.

The ABN Network visited NCCF with their Christmas Behind Bars program and provided snacks and Bible literature.

PREF has donated 14,320 pounds of produce this year to local charities through the Landscape Management class.

Miami Correctional Facility's Lt. Destin McCord went above and beyond his detailed duties recently when he spotted a trash bag on fire outside the Pen Products Industries building and took actions to extinguish the fire. Good job!

Plainfield Correctional Facility hosted the Christmas Behind Bars program. More than 1,300 offenders participated.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner